

Last night I voted in favor of language authored by Republican Senator John McCain to stop torture. This provision in the House was offered by Democratic Congressman John Murtha. It says that all persons under the effective control of the Department of Defense should be treated according to the Army's Field Manual on Intelligence Interrogation. The Army's Field Manual has served us well in wars as tough as the current War on Terror. It has provided clear guidance to Americans in Uniform and to military courts who must implement the Uniform Code of Military Justice. I was pleased when the House supported our position by an overwhelming vote of 308-122. It sends a clear signal to American servicemen and our allies that we follow the law and treat all people according to our own law, Supreme Court decisions and treaty obligations of the United States.